

Life Skills Ties

Domain: Aesthetics

Level: 5-12



Clay Sculpture

Materials: Clay for each team of 4 or 5, paper towels for clean up.

Time Required: 15 minutes

Divide group into teams of 4 or 5. Give each group a container of clay. Briefly show a few examples of sculptures. Instruct the teams that they are to construct a sculpture on a given topic composed of an adjective and a noun, such as "work horse" (if you wish, have participants select the adjective then a noun; oxymorons work well). They will construct the sculpture by each team member working on the clay for 90 seconds. The group may take 30 seconds to plan at the beginning. Then one team member will begin, then give to the next team member for continued work after his 90 seconds are up.. You may want to have the work completed with no communication. At the end of 8 or 10 minutes, stop the teams and have them briefly report on their sculpture.

Suggested topics: bad apple, dark horse, clean sweep, party hat, fuzzy thinking, vicious cycle, home made, awfully good, half dead.

Questions:

What were you trying to represent in different parts of the sculpture?

How did working together assist/inhibit the project?

What is necessary to truly artistic creation?